



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES
July 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by the Chairperson,
Dr. John Baker.

Call to Order

Board members present:

Donald Novak, PT
Rhea Cohn, PT, PT
Ved Gupta, Consumer Member
Krystal Lighty, PT
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA

Board members absent:

Lori Mizell, PT, Vice Chairperson
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member

Also present:

Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator
Nancy Stanciel, Board Secretary
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist

Absent: John Bull, Investigator

John Baker, PT welcomed the new Board member, Kimberly Rotondo, PTA. He also welcomed the new Board AAG, Brett Felter. Mr. Felter will be assisting Ms. Bethman with Board matters.

The minutes of the Legislative Committee meeting that was held on May 24,
2011 were approved with one change.

Minutes

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The Board voted to refer this matter to the Legislative Committee to review the current regulations addressing license renewals, and to determine whether these regulations need to reflect the changes in the law.

Senate Bill
258/Review

Sylwia Blawat wrote the Board re: whether animal rehab should be practiced under PT license or veterinarian license. The Board agreed that their mission is to protect the public/people, and, that under the current statutes of Maryland law; animal rehab would have to be practiced under a veterinarian's license.

Sylwia
Blawat,PT/
Animal Rehab

Melissa Covington, SLP wrote the Board re: intervention and observations of feeding assessment in the NICU. The Board issued the following advice: "Physical therapists are often part of the treatment team providing services to babies in the NICU. Physical therapists with appropriate training may diagnose and treat issues relating to facial muscular tone and development, positioning and posture, in order to facilitate nutritional support to infants in the NICU. Please be advised that a physical therapist should practice in conjunction with a speech language pathologist when treating issues relating to swallowing. Although the Board does not require specific certification, you may refer to the following website for information on specialized certification in this area, www.marjoriemeyerpalmer.com

Melissa
Covington/NICU
Feeding
Concerns

Jodi Berger wrote the Board to inquire whether a PTA can do internal techniques on pelvic pain and incontinence patients under the supervision of a PT. The Board discussed and voted yes based on COMAR 10.38.02.02.

Jodi Berger/PTA
and Pelvic
Health

The Board reviewed the inquiry from Michelle Bien-Aime, PT re: supervision of home health aides by a PT. The Board agreed that home health aides should be supervised by nurses.

Michelle Bien-
Aime/Home
Health Aides

Ingrid Pailthorp wrote the Board re: a Wellness Center which offers physical therapy and Pilates. Should an evaluation and documentation be required if she is only teaching a Pilates session at the center? The Board agreed to draft a response to the question, as follows: "The Board would caution you to be very specific with your clients that your Pilates practice is not physical therapy. Your documentation needs to be reflective of that. Be clear of what you're treating. "

Ingrid
Pailthorp/Pilates

The Board agreed to table this issue, per Ms. Bethman, until a response is drafted for all the Boards.

CSEA/Database
Sharing

The Board reviewed the memo, with clarification provided by Ms. Neville. This issue will be referred to the Dry Needling committee to discuss drafting the regulations as soon as possible. The committee will be assisted by Mr. Felter.

Dry
Needling/Memo

The newsletter was reviewed by the Board.

FSBPT
Newsletter

The Board reviewed the rates for private vehicle reimbursement effective July 1, 2011.

Private Vehicle
Reimbursement

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Ms. Neville informed the Board that all Board Counsels will be discussing this issue and the final format that will be adopted for the guidelines.

K. Neville/
Sanctioning
Guidelines

The Board reviewed the Summary Suspension process from Mr. Bull.

Summary
Suspension
Procedure

John Baker, PT presented the Board Committee assignments for review and discussion.

Board
Committees

John Baker, PT informed the Board of the issues to be discussed with Secretary Sharfstein. They include Scope of Practice, Customer Service, and Handling Emergencies.

John Baker,
PT/Discussion

John Baker, PT presented a draft of the new newsletter and informed the Board that there is a new link on the website for public comments.

BOPTE
Newsletter

John Baker, PT informed the Board that the Executive Director of the Physical Therapy Board may be starting around August 10, 2011.

Executive
Director

The Board voted to deny the following continuing education course applications: *"Keeping Your Employees Motivated and Productive during Tough Times"*, because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy. *"The Communication Connection: Maximizing Communication for the Non-SLP"* because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy and does not target professional audiences. *"How to Manage Stress, Maintain a Balanced Life, and Stay Passionate While Helping Others"* because the course was not relevant to the practice of physical therapy.

Continuing
Education

The board reviewed the CBT Comment Summary and Satisfaction Survey Report

Informational

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 3:47 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure, in accordance with State Government Article, Section 10-508 (a) (1) and (13). Unless recused, all Board members and staff who were present for the open session were also in attendance for both the closed and administrative sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

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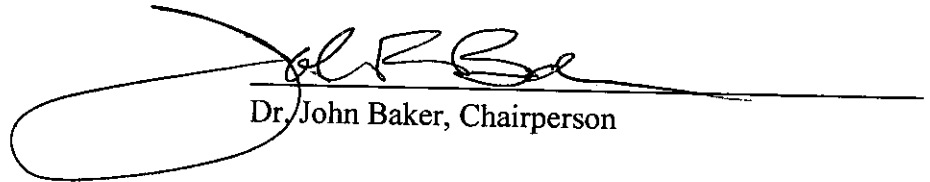
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Respectfully submitted,



Joy Aaron, Deputy Director

July 19, 2011
Date approved



Dr. John Baker, Chairperson

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